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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations - I.C.P.O.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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19/12/2003: Bill, N4ZDL, will be active as 9Y4/N4ZDL from Tobago (SA-009) between December 19th and 25th. He will operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

20/12/2003: Jim Buffington, K5JIM (ARLHS member #150), has announced plans to activate two Louisiana lighthouses, both of them in the New Orleans area, on the opening day of Lighthouse Christmas Lights. The pair includes New Canal Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-536) and Port Ponchartrain (ARLHS USA-650). These will mark the 13th and 14th activations of 2003 for Jim. Tentative time of operation for New Canal is 15:00 UTC on Saturday, December 20 for two hours ... with the Port Ponchartrain operation PROBABLY beginning at 18:00 UTC. Both lighthouses are on Lake Ponchartrain. QSL cards will be available for an SASE via K5JIM's QRZ address. [Tnx K5JIM]

20/12/2003: Jim, K9BIG/p (ARLHS member #716), will be activating a few lighthouses for the ARLHS Christmas Lights QSO party that runs from December 20, 2002 to January 5, 2004. Look for Jim on 40 through 10 meters around 7.270, 14.270, 21.370, and 28.370 (+ or - depending on QRM, nets, other activations etc.) He is also going to bring his portable 6-meter beam just for fun. Jim plans to activate the following lighthouses: December 20th from Kenosha Southport Light, Kenosha, WI (ARLHS USA-912), December 21st from Kenosha Pierhead, Kenosha, WI (ARLHS USA-416), January 3rd from Windpoint Light, Racine WI (ARLHS USA-894) and January 4th from North Breakwater Racine, WI (ARLHS USA-682). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx K9BIG]

20/12/2003: Deacon Dave, W1MCE/m (ARLHS member #492), will be activating Portsmouth Harbor New Hampshire (ARLHS USA-662, during Lighthouse Christmas Lights. Date unknown but will be on 40 then 20 meters from the mobile. Total operating schedule is hoped to be 3 hours each day on 2 different days. He has a 1 1/2 hour commute to get there. All QSOs will be QSL'd automatically. Please don't send Deacon Dave any QSL cards. [Tnx W1MCE]

20/12/2003: Warren, WM2Z/m (ARLHS member #133) plans to activate the following lighthouses during the ARLHS "Lighthouse Christmas Lights" event (0001z December 20, 2003, to 2359z January 4, 2003): Horton Point (ARLHS reference USA-387), Long Beach Bar (USA-440), Orient Point (USA-606) and Plum Island (USA-633). Activity will be on 20 and 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx WM2Z]

23/12/2003: Vlad, UA4WHX, will be QRV December 23rd to 25th from Huahine Bui (IOTA OC-067, DIFO FO-004), French Polynesia. QSL to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

25/12/2003: Look for Jo, DL1AB/p, to be QRV December 25, 2003, through January 2, 2004, from Baltrum Island (IOTA EU-047, DID reference N-06 for the German Island Award). Activity will be on 80 and 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/12/2003: Mark, VK2GND, will be QRV December 25th to 31st as VK9LD from Lord Howe (OC-004). Look for him on or around 14273 and 14195 kHz. QSL via VK2GND. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2003: Ken, JA1CMD (N4XJ), will be QRV December 28th to January 2nd as VK9CA from Cocos-Keeling (OC-003). He will be active on 80 through 10 meter CW and SSB with 100 watts. QSL via JA1CMD or K4ST. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2003: Pete, N2LM, will be active as ZF2PD on Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) from December 28th through January 8th. Activity will be 80 through 6 meter CW and SSB. Requests for QSL cards can be sent to his home callsign, N2LM. [Tnx OPDX]

30/12/2003: K4MCE (Mark) and N4KZ (Dave) will operate the special events station N4Z from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-106), between December 30th and January 5th. Their activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB and CW. QSL via N4KZ (QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

01/01/2004: Jean-Louis, F6AGR, from AMSAT-France, reports that Sebastien, who got his ham license October 31st, will be active for one year (2004) on AO-40 (and LEOs) from Amsterdam Island (FT1Z, WW Loc. MF81TX, IOTA AF-002). He also plans to be active on 50 MHz, and on HF as soon as the French laws permit (he has a no-code license). AMSAT-France is actively preparing his SAT hardware (dish, 2.4 GHz converter, yagi, etc., which have to be as light as possible), providing training and will handle QSL cards. [Tnx OPDX]

01/01/2004: Sara, HA9SD, and Eli, HA9RE, will be active from Tuvalu (OC-015) between January 1st and 18th (callsign TBA) and from Tonga (OC-049) as A35RE from 20 January to 4 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metres with two stations. QSL direct only via HA8IB ("against 2 new IRCs or 2 US$"). [Tnx 425DXN]

03/01/2004: Jeffrey (KG0VL) and Justin (K9MU) will depart St. Paul, MN, at 11:30 am on January 1st. Beginning January 3rd, the two operators will activate Grids EO16 and EO26 for the next couple of weeks. Operators will sign VE4/K9MU (from EO16) and VE4/KG0VL (from EO26). Their activity will be on HF, 50, 144 and 903 MHz. Liaison frequency is 7268 kHz (Days) and 3958 kHz (Evenings). Because of increased traffic on 7268, they will also monitor 7265 kHz (+/-). Their interesting travel plans and planned operation details can be read on the following Web page at: http://www.qsl.net/k9mu/ArcticGridExpedition.html [Tnx OPDX]

05/01/2004: Peter, NO2R, has received his callsign/license and will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, Cambodia, between January 5th and 12th. Activity will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters exclusively. QSL via K2NJ, direct. [Tnx OPDX]

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IOTA 40th ANNIVERSARY AWARD (from G3XTT) -

Just a reminder to IOTA enthusiasts (and would-be IOTA enthusiasts!) that IOTA 2004, the IOTA 40th Anniversary Awards Programme, starts on 1st January. A set of files for downloading is now avalable on the CDXC (Chiltern DX Club, the UK DX Foundation) Web pages, at www.cdxc.org.uk (follow the IOTA 2004 links). These include a tracking spreadsheet that

does absolutely everything you might need (my thanks to G3PMR and G3LAS for their work on this) or, if you don't want that level of complexity, a simple application form and lists of Premium Island Groups (by month) and Rare and Unnumbered groups qualifying for the DXpeditioners Awards. Remember that all applications must arrive in electronic form. No paper applications will be accepted. Full rules and a list of Frequently Asked Questions also appear on the Website, but questions may also be sent direct to me. Any queries about the IOTA Programme as a whole should, of course, continue to go to the IOTA Manager G3KMA (g3kma@dsl.pipex.com) and general information about the IOTA Programme is available on the IOTA Web pages (www.rsgbiota.org).

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73 and Good Hunting!
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